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Enforcement

# Enforcement Officer Program

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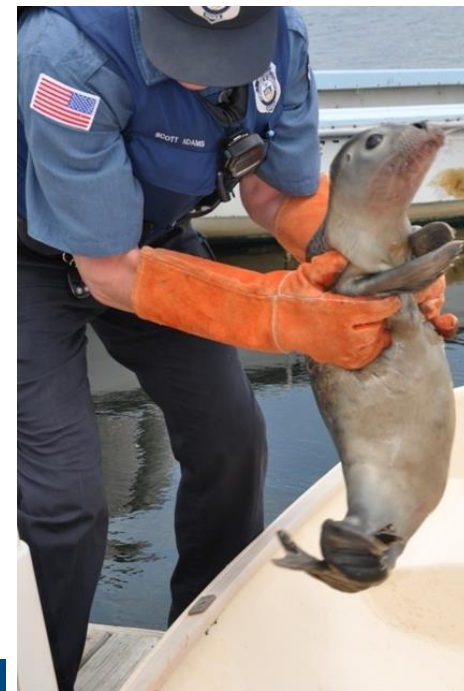
# OLE Overview

- Jurisdiction:
  - 3.36 million square miles of open ocean
  - More than 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline
  - 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and 4 Marine National Monuments
  - High seas and international trade relating to U.S. treaties and international law
- Location:
  - Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD
  - Five Divisions co-located with Regional Offices
  - 53 field offices throughout the United States and U.S. territories
- Staff:
  - Nearly 130 sworn personnel
  - More than 60 enforcement support staff members



# Mission

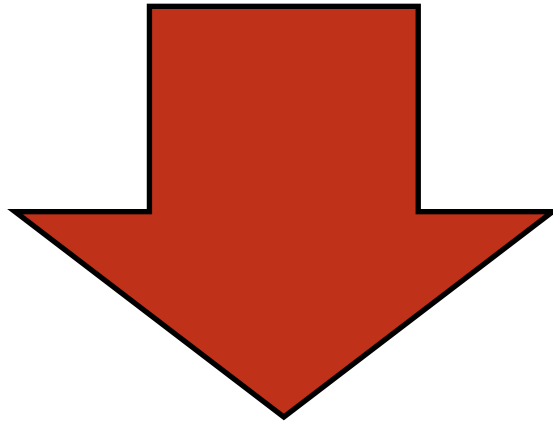
- The mission of NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is to protect global marine resources by enforcing domestic laws and international treaties and obligations dedicated to protecting wildlife and their natural habitat for the use and enjoyment of future generations.
  - Magnuson-Stevens Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Endangered Species Act, plus 37 others.
- Meeting this mission requires not only state-of-the art science and management programs, but also a fair, effective, and comprehensive compliance and enforcement program



# Why Does A Strong Enforcement Program Matter?

- Our work sustains fish stocks for commercial, recreational, tribal and U.S. Territorial users;
- Prevents the illegal, unreported, and unregulated harvesting and trafficking of fish and wildlife;
- Protects marine mammals and endangered species;
- Maintains and restores marine and inland water habitats;
- Conserves coral reefs and marine protected areas;
- Levels the playing field for all industry participants;
- Holds accountable those who violate the law.

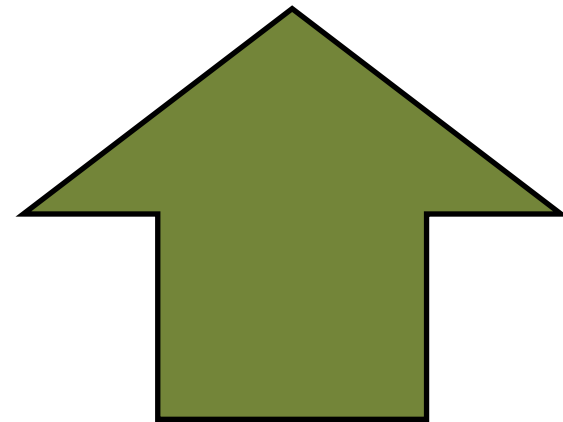
# Establishing & Enforcing = Level Playing Field



IUU Fishing &  
Wildlife  
Trafficking



Fair, Law-abiding  
Fishermen &  
Conservationists





# Job Duties

- Deterring and detecting violations of NOAA statutes by conducting visible, uniformed patrols and investigations within the officers assigned area of responsibility.
- Boarding commercial and recreational fishing vessels in-port or at-sea.
- Examining shipments of marine resource products entering the United States at ports of entry (e.g., border crossings, airports and harbors).
- Documenting all apparent violations of NOAA statutes detected during the course of patrols and investigations, while collecting, identifying and preserving evidence (including witness statements) associated with any violation and assembles a complete case report fully.





# Job Duties, cont.

- Conducting arrests, searches, and seizures in accordance with the U.S. Constitution, pertinent laws, regulations, directives, and court decisions.
- Complying with all existing policies, procedures, and guidelines (including the use of force policy) pertaining to use, display, safety, and maintenance of firearms and intermediate weapons.



# Training

- Attend training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Georgia.
- Staff must also attend annual training
- Enforcement Officer = 28 weeks of training
  - 12 Weeks - FLETC Uniformed Police Training Program (UPTP)
  - 4 Weeks - FLETC Marine Law Enforcement Training Program (MLETP)
  - 12 Weeks - NOAA Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP)
- On-the-job training



# Partnerships

- We can't meet our mission without the support of:
  - 28 Joint Enforcement Agreements (JEAs) with coastal states and U.S. territories.
  - Federal partnerships with USCG, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, CBP, among others.
  - RFMOs.
  - Civil cases are prosecuted by NOAA's Office of General Counsel's Enforcement Section.
  - Criminal cases are prosecuted by U.S. Department of Justice.



# How to Spot Us



# Questions and Contact Information

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